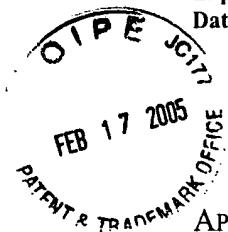


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Status Inquiry Letter (1 page); and
2. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

No fee is believed to be due at this time. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 26859-002. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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STATUS INQUIRY LETTER

Sir:

Applicant filed the present application on July 28, 2003. To date, Applicant has not received an Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests the present status of this application.

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